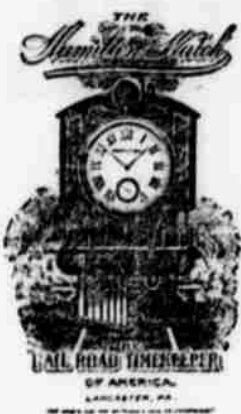


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PRESIDENT PACKS FOR HIS JOURNEY

Taft Gives Up Golf Game to Prepare for Western Trip.

Executive Office of Nation to Be On Wheels Until November 12, When Washington Will Again Be Seat—Official Trip Starts From Boston—Chicago First Stop.

Beverly, Mass., Sept. 14.—President Taft gave up his golf game and all official business yesterday and devoted himself to preparing for the long Western trip, which will really have its beginning when he motors into Boston this afternoon to attend a chamber of commerce banquet. The president will pass the night in Boston, leaving there for Chicago at 10 a. m. Wednesday. Mrs. Taft expects to remain in Beverly until November 12, when the president plans to arrive here to take her back to Washington. The executive offices will close after the president leaves Beverly.

With the assistance of two servants the president packed his numerous grips and trunks.

The president also was busy yesterday assembling the numerous papers, documents and reference books which he will need in the preparation of his manuscript. Secretary Carpenter had collected most of these and it was the president's task to revise the list. The president had no official engagements.

Oscar Lawlor, assistant attorney general of the Interior department, was at Beverly and his presence led to a renewal of the report that the president may have something to say on the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy before he leaves for Boston.

LOVETT IS HEAD.

Elected Chairman Union Pacific Executive Committee.

New York, Sept. 14.—Ex-Judge Robert S. Lovett, chief counsel for the Union Pacific railroad, was yesterday elected chairman of the executive committee of the company, thereby becoming the successor of Edward H. Harriman in the control of the vast railroad and steamship systems which the financier built up. The Union Pacific still remains without a president, as Mr. Harriman occupied this position also. It is understood, however, that an operating man, probably L. F. Loree, president of the Delaware & Hudson, will be elected to the place at the annual meeting of the stockholders October 12.

At the same meeting where Mr. Lovett was elected to the chief executive position of the keystone road of the Harriman system, William Rockefeller and Jacob H. Schiff were elected members of the board of directors of the Union Pacific and were also appointed members of the executive committee. Messrs. Schiff and Rockefeller succeed Mr. Harriman and the late Henry H. Rogers as members of the board.

WOULD DIVIDE CALIFORNIA.

People of South Propose New State Because Taxes High.

Los Angeles, Sept. 14.—The South California State league was made a permanent organization at a mass meeting of citizens of Los Angeles, in Symphony hall today, with George N. Black as president and Herbert Burdette and B. A. Stephens as secretaries. The meeting was called by the Los Angeles Realty board to offer a protest against the recent action of the state board of equalization in raising the assessed valuation of the property of this county.

Many of those present at the meeting today wore badges inscribed "South California State League."

The wearing of these badges and many of the speeches made reflected a strong sentiment in favor of state division, and this was later crystallized in a set of resolutions passed by the meeting.

Opium Hidden Among Fish.

Marysville, Sept. 14.—Having received information that a large quantity of opium was being smuggled here from San Francisco, the police placed a watch on a Chinese store which was suspected. Officer Burroughs remained in hiding for five hours last night and finally was rewarded by catching several Chinese in the act of receiving a package marked "fish" from Wells, Fargo & Co. express. The men were arrested and the package was seized. It proved to contain a large amount of opium hidden among fish.

Immigrants Good Citizens.

Chicago, Sept. 14.—"The immigrant is a better American than the American himself. He has learned by experience in his native land to appreciate the freedom and advantages of the United States. He can understand the free life which the American takes merely as an individual." Dr. David Blaustein, superintendent of the Chicago Hebrew institute, speaking on America and the immigrant, thus expressed himself yesterday.

Knife for Governor Johnson.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 14.—Governor John A. Johnson will go to Rochester, Minn., this afternoon to undergo another operation as the result of an operation for appendicitis several years ago, which left several painful abscesses.

AID IS NEEDED.

Appeal Made to America for Sufferers in Mexico.

Washington, Sept. 14.—Tales of great suffering in the flooded districts of Mexico as told in telegrams received at the State department today from Consul General Philip C. Hanna, brought forth another appeal tonight from the American Red Cross society for funds with which to "supply our unfortunate neighbors of Mexico with the necessities of life."

The loss of life and destruction of property is even greater than was at first supposed, and it is predicted that great physical suffering will prevail among the homeless during the fall and winter.

The destruction was greatest in the country and small towns between Monterey and Matamoras. Mr. Hanna says the American consul at Matamoras reports that place under water and a serious condition of affairs exists and that the railroads between Matamoras and Monterey have been washed out.

"We are sending supplies down the railroad as fast as it is opened," says Mr. Hanna.

He suggests that it might be possible for the American army in the Southwest to co-operate with the Mexican army and American and Mexican consuls in assisting Mexican towns.

"It is believed by many," Mr. Hanna said, "that more than 10,000 lives have been lost, and thousands are homeless."

OLD SETTLEMENT IN RUINS.

Storm Plays Havoc With Century-Old "Place of Peace."

La Paz, Baja California, Sept. 8, via Guaymas, Sept. 14.—La Paz, the oldest settlement of the Californians, is in ruins. The most terrific storm ever known has wrought havoc in and about the old pueblo. Seven lives are already known to be lost and the shore is strewn with wreckage from ships and boats in the roadstead. In many places the water is four feet deep in the streets and some of the thoroughfares are channels for raging torrents.

Communication with the outside world, except by a steamer, which has just stopped at the port, is cut off and the greatest misery exists, especially among the poor townspeople, the majority of whom have lost everything they had in the world.

From the country districts comes the news that the devastation there has been great. Without warning the cyclone burst on this "Place of Peace," accompanied by torrents of rain. The boats along shore and anchored in the bay were torn from their moorings and most of them were battered in collision or thrown upon the beach. The sky was overcast and many believed the end of the world at hand, and crowded the old mission church in a delirium of fear.

BOMB CASES ON TRIAL.

Sensational Disclosures Are Promised at Chicago.

Chicago, Sept. 14.—Sensational disclosures are promised in the trial of Vincent A. and Joseph Altman, charged with malicious mischief and arson.

A score of witnesses will be brought by the state in an attempt to prove that both were guilty of causing the explosion and fire which wrecked the Standard Sash & Door company's plant, May 28, 1938, and their testimony, it is claimed, will throw considerable light on the entire series of bomb outrages which have taken place in Chicago in the last two years.

Secretary John J. Brittain, of the Amalgamated Carpenters' union, said today that members of the union would do all in their power to aid the defense.

Assistant State's Attorney Benjamin J. Short, who will have charge of the prosecution, said that the reason the "Bomb 31" case would not be heard first was that State's Attorney Wayman believed it was not as important a case as that of the Standard Sash & Door company's explosion and fire, and that the penalty was not so great.

"Conviction in the case to be tried first means a penalty of 29 years' imprisonment," he said, "while in the 'Bomb 31' case there is no arson charge and the penalty for the offense is only ten years."

Baggage Smashing to End.

Topeka, Kan., Sept. 14.—The baggage smasher's day in Kansas is ended. The Kansas board of railroad commissioners has issued an order that baggage men must not let trunks go tumbling down from a car door to the brick or stone station platform. Recently the baggage smashers have been more active than usual. The board has had many complaints of trunks being broken or damaged by the dropping from the car door to the platforms when the station agent did not want to pull up a truck to receive the baggage.

Halley's Comet Sighted.

Cambridge, Mass., Sept. 14.—Halley's comet, for which astronomers have been eagerly watching, has been seen after an absence of 70 years, according to a dispatch received today at the Harvard observatory from Professor Wolf, of Heidelberg. The sight was obtained September 11, 56.42 in right ascension, six hours, 18 minutes, 12 seconds, declination 17 degrees, 1 minutes south. It could be made out only with a large telescope.

Scott to Seek South Pole.

London, Sept. 14.—Captain R. Scott, who commanded the "Discovery" expedition in 1902, will start next July on his Antarctic expedition. Captain Scott said today his plan included the use of three methods, sledge, traction by ponies and dogs and motor sled.



He—What did you discuss at your debating club this afternoon? She—Nothing. We just talked.

Magistrate—Are you a friend of the prisoner? Buxom Witness—No, I'm his mother-in-law.—New York World.

"Say something to the little boy," said Bobbie's mother. "Say, kid," said Bobbie, obediently, "kin you fight yet?"

"I hear you spent your vacation with friends." "We were friends during the first week."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Are you going to take the late train to Chicago?" "No, the engineer of the train is going to do that."—Baltimore American.

Customer—Give me a bottle of Dope's Stomach Bitters. Druggist—We haven't any in stock, madam, but here's something just as bad.

"There are two sides to every question," said the broad minded man. "Yes," answered Senator Sorghum; "a winning side and a losing side."

"Why did you leave your last place?" asked the boss. "I got six months off for good behavior," answered the job seeker.—Chicago Daily News.

Prospective Best Man—Got the marriage license yet? Prospective Bridegroom—No; I'm not going to get that until the last thing. She may go back on me.

Bess—So you're engaged? Well, well! As for me, I wouldn't marry the best man on earth. Jess—You couldn't—I've got him.—Cleveland Leader.

Scott—I remember reading of a very rich man who said he'd sooner be poor. Mott—Yes, and probably you remember reading somewhere that all men are liars.

"I can't understand why Brown should have failed." "Nor can I. I always thought he was doing finely. He often came to me for advice."—Detroit Free Press.

"Did you have a good time at the Sunday school picnic, Bobby?" "I should say so," answered Bobby, enthusiastically. "There was three fights."—Buffalo Express.

"Why, Ethel, what's the matter?" asked her mother, as the little one almost choked at the dinner table. "I got a piece of bread head first down my cough pipe," explained Ethel.

"I never have no luck." "Neither do I," responded the other citizen. "Therefore I keep out of enterprises requiring large gobs of luck to be a success."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"We," remarked the young married woman, "try to see how few quarrels we can have in a year." "We," said the old married woman, "try to see how few cooks."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Judge—How did the trouble begin? Witness—It began, yo' honah, when de chairman of de entertainment committee swatted de secretary over de bald wif de lovin' cup.—Boston Transcript.

Sillicus—We should all strive to bear each other's burdens. Cynicus—Yes, most of us seem to think we could bear each other's burdens more easily than we could our own.—Philadelphia Record.

Bessie—Oh, Mabel! I am in an awful dilemma! I've quarreled with Harry and he wants me to send his ring back. Mabel—That's too bad. Bessie—But that isn't the point. I've forgotten which is his ring.—Kansas City Journal.

"What was the date of the Union of the Crowns?" asked the school inspector and the answer was "1603." "Right. And why was this date an important one for you to remember?" "Because you were sure to ask for it," returned the little victim of cramming.

De Quiz—Did he have any luck fishing? De Whiz—Well, he says he caught a number of fish, many of which would weigh three pounds. De Quiz—Yes, I guess it would take a great many of the fish he caught to weigh three pounds.—Chicago Daily News.

Little Bobby—Papa, did you ever see a cyclone carrying houses around up in the air, and cows and horses and wagons upside down? Papa—No, my son. Little Bobby—Did you ever see a sea serpent? Papa—No, my son. Little Bobby—I should think it 'ud be tiresome to live so long and never see anything.

"You ran into this man at thirty miles an hour and knocked him forty feet," said the court. "That, or a little better, I suppose," answered the chauffeur. "Why didn't you slow down?" "Mere precaution, your honor. Once I shut off speed and hit a man so gently that he was able to climb into the machine and give me a licking."

"Your husband'll be all right now," said the doctor, rubbing his hands with evident self-satisfaction. "What yer mean?" demanded the weeping wife. "You told me he wouldn't live a fortnight." "Well, I'm going to cure him after all," said the doctor; "surely you're glad to hear such unexpected news?" The woman wrinkled her brows. "Puts me in a bit of an 'ole," she said. "I've bin and sold all his clothes for his funeral!"

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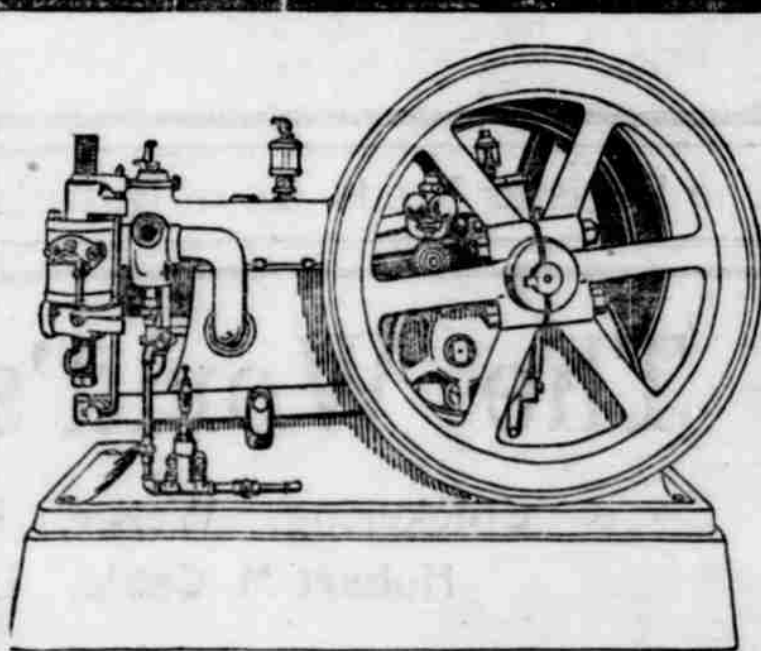
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